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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 4th December 2019

Present: Kim Towlson Chair

Lisa Anderson, Diane Baker, Joy & Jimmy Dalziel, Dave Gray, Linda Illing, Cllr Barry Johnson, Janet McCheyne, Dawn McMahon, Maggie Nash, Nick McDonald, Sue Price, Mary Rawlings, Beverley Richardson, Carol Rintoul, Judy Rood, Mike Tarbard, Bernadette Wakeling, Peter Woodard plus guest from Healthwatch Thurrock: Barbara Rice

Apologies: Peter Belsham, Debbie Bradley (Horndon School), Peter & Moira Brainwood, Kelly Judge, Alan Pollington, Nigel Seaman, Cllr Sue Little, Sarann Thomas, Kate Williams

Item	Action
<p>The meeting commenced at 8:04 with a presentation about Healthwatch Thurrock by Barbara Rice, Team Leader and Operational Manager of Healthwatch Thurrock</p> <p>Barbara explained that Healthwatch is an independent body is set up to gather the views and experiences of the public with the local NHS and to represent their views and interests to the Care Quality Commission. They can also assist with other health service matters like Patient Transport and long waits for hospital appointments. Healthwatch Thurrock were instrumental in solving problems with phones at Chadwell doctors surgeries. They studied problems with local children's teeth and found it was predominantly due to parents lacking in oral hygiene knowledge. They arranged for all staff at Children's Centres to be trained so they could educate the children in oral hygiene. Barbara explained that they are soon to launch a program of mobile lung function screening, with immediate CAT scanning if necessary, for anyone who has smoked at any time in their life. Initially this will be for ages up to 70 but it will be extended later. People should receive letters of invitation starting in January but should ask at their GPs to make sure they are included.</p> <p>Healthwatch Thurrock has a website, see http://www.healthwatchthurrock.org/</p> <p>The meeting thanked Barbara Rice for her visit and the very informative talk. Many said they were unaware of this organisation before this talk.</p>	
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes for the previous meeting were approved. Due to time taken for the above presentation the usual business of the Forum was conducted in less depth than usual</p>	<p><i>Corrections to previous minutes:- The funds stood at £2596.45, artificially swollen by a £50 cheque intended for F&F.</i></p>
<p>2. Matters arising</p> <p>a) A13 widening. Paul Rodgers (Thurrock Council) promised to email the results of the Traffic survey: <i>This still has not happened.</i> There are no more scheduled full weekend closures of the A13 before the new year but there may be some overnight closures.</p> <p>b) The repair of "Dip" in the Horndon Bypass. <i>Although billed as temporary, the standard of work is appalling and cars still get thrown about when passing over it. The foundations have sunk in several places and it needs to be remade properly.</i></p> <p>c) Traffic lights at end of Buckingham Hill Road, the temporary lights are still in place and still regularly failing. <i>The target date for the permanent lights: middle of December is not expected to be kept and a delay into 2020 is expected.</i></p> <p>d) Buses - <i>Running OK. The 200 that runs through Orsett is to be renamed..</i></p> <p>e) Bus Shelter, High Rd. and relocation of the bus stop towards Vincent Ave. <i>MT has been told by the Council that one letter of objection has been received resulting from the local consultation. This lists seven objections. The meeting was asked if they agreed with the objections. The general feeling was not to support these objections. Those who regularly use the busses strongly felt they just want a bus shelter and they don't care where it is located. So if it is easier, cheaper or less problematic to locate it at the present bus stop location by the Village Hall, that would be fine.</i></p> <p>f) Lower Thames Crossing. - Still waiting for Highways England's response to the Consultation. Ground surveys are continuing. Severe danger of flooding due to a collapsing sea wall in this area. Neither the</p>	<p>Paul Rodgers to email the results of the traffic monitoring to KT to pass on to the Village</p> <p>KT to chase</p> <p>MT to pass the feeling of the meeting back to Mick Bacon at Thurrock Council</p>

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<p>Environmental Agency nor the Council are anything despite Stephen Metcalfe being involved. <i>Still nothing has been done despite a series of very high tides being predicted.</i></p> <p>g) Cholley's Farm - listed building under dilapidation risk. A Stage One Complaint, cw a timeline summary of all communications with the Council, had been submitted. As the official response by Council was risibly inadequate the complaint was raised to the Stage Two. The owner, in October, submitted a Planning Application to demolish the listed building and replace it with a new residence. Jonathan Keene, Council Planning says that the planning application is invalid and on hold until more information is submitted and Planning will write to the Forum to tell us when this 'on hold' is released and tell us of the new consultation dates. <i>An answer to our Stage Two Complaint was received from Leigh Nicholson, Interim Assistant Director - Planning, Transport and Public Protection. This answer although ending with an apology, either denied systemic failings by simple assertions without providing any evidence to back them up or made claims that conflicted with the documented evidence that we provided. KT and Peter Woodard attended a meeting at the Council Offices with Jonathan Keene, Genna Henry both TC and Nicholas Page, Heritage Advisor. Little was learnt at the meeting, the attendees were not familiar with our Complaints, Our Timeline of Correspondence nor Leigh Nicholson's response. KT, BW and PeterW, on behalf of the Forum, prepared and submitted a Stage Three Complaint pointing out the inconsistencies and shortcomings in the Council's Stage Two response. PW reported two more shortcomings of the Council's Planning Dept. 1) Thurrock's Listed Buildings at Risk were included in a section of Essex CC's Register and Thurrock Council's website linked to that Register. The Thurrock section of the ECC register contained 12 heritage assets at risk including Cholleys Farm. Some time between the 9th February 2019 and October Thurrock Council's planning site changed to link instead to Historic England's Listed Building at Risk Register. This contains only 5 At Risk Heritage Assets for Thurrock. If you are going to change from one database to another, wouldn't you normally ensure the new database contained all the information from the old? The Essex CC Register has been taken down by ECC and is now unavailable (but I have a copy downloaded on the 9th Feb 2019). 2) If you look up a planning application on Thurrock Council's website and go to inspect the "Documents", you can tick a box for each document and download them in one go for convenient off-line viewing. If you do this, for some documents you only receive a "photo" of the first page of multi-page documents thereby missing a lot of important information. You are likely to be unaware of this as you are given no warning that this happens. If you want to be sure of getting all pages of all documents you need to view each one in turn in your browser and manually save a copy of each to your computer.</i></p> <p><i>Bernadette W requested that thanks to PeterW should be recorded in the minutes for the amount of work he has put in to this including his detailed picking apart of the Council's arguments in our formal Letters of Complaints.</i></p> <p>Can Cholley's Farm and the Wall to Saffron Gardens be added to Historic England's "At Risk Register"? Cholley's Farm is not on the National At Risk Register but is on Essex CC's Listed Buildings at Risk Register.</p> <p>h) Also noted the footings for a new huge 'barn' at Saffron Gardens but most of the present agricultural buildings seem to be used for non-agricultural purposes. This has reported to the Council who have said that a potential breach of planning control has been identified and Planning Enforcement Officer M Ager is to formally investigate. KT requested Cllr BJ to investigate. Four Five Six Seven months have now passed still nothing heard. Cllr BJ said that M Ager had told him that on the 18th June she had given the Owners 6 weeks to produce proof of lawful operation and, as she had not got back to him, he assumes that they had done so. The meeting felt that our experience Thurrock Planning has proved that to be an unsafe assumption and asked him to go back to M Ager.</p> <p>i) Hospice Site Work - Even more homes complete but still no sign of a Hospice. Apparently a Basildon newspaper reported that the Hospice is not going to be built.</p>	<p>Cllr BJ to pursue this with Planning</p>
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<p>8. Police and NHW</p> <p>a) Contact Details for local police:- Tel:101 for non emergencies. Calls cost 15p 07710 079193 for info and PCSO only attendance. Emergencies should still be reported to 999. thurrockcpt@essex.pnn.police.uk (changed 1 May 2019) <i>The police want to revive "Coffee with Cops". Their last attempts were not well attended. They should combine with some established Village event that is well attended.</i></p> <p>b) NHW Reported crimes in Orsett Ward continue, break ins and vehicle thefts.</p> <p>c) Community Speed Watch – Ongoing as time permits.</p> <p>d) CCTV Ongoing with the group of residents involved. <i>See grant app. under 3-b)</i></p>	<p>NHW or ECM Address:- https://www.essexcommunitymessaging.org/</p> <p>Contact independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org</p> <p>KT progress</p>
<p>9. Planning</p> <p>a) Rockland, South Hill 19/01552/PHA Rear extension with a depth of 6 metres</p> <p>From earlier lists</p> <p>b) Langdon Hills Golf Club 19/01662/FUL Hybrid application for the redevelopment of Langdon Hills Golf and Country Club. Detailed approval sought for: a redesigned club house (with health spa, reception area; restaurant area; bar areas; function areas (for 250 guests); professional golf shop; gym; swimming pool; changing rooms; office space; kitchens and food preparation areas and other necessary ancillary areas). The creation of a new health led community to include, 84 no. homes for independent living - extra care (over 55's use class C2); 36 no. apartments for independent living extra care (Use Class C2); 42 no. close care apartments and a 64-bed residential care home with dementia facilities (Use Class C2); 4 no. key worker apartments (Use Class C3) encompassing a care workers administration health hub. Demolition of existing buildings (clubhouse, hotel and green keepers building) and supporting infrastructure to include: a reconfigured main car park: a new car park for the golf academy: new vehicular access from lower Dunton Road; landscaping; new bowling green; new walkways; erection of a security gatehouse and security surveillance. Outline approval sought for: 12 no. apartments for independent living extra care (Use Class C2); a new golf academy (with driving range; tuition areas and function space for 150 guests); a new quick play golf course and a new redesigned green keepers building See discussion under 1. j)</p> <p>c) Cholleys Farm, Orsett Road 19/01514/FUL Demolition of listed farmhouse and erection of replacement detached residential dwelling. See discussion under 1. g)</p> <p>d) Early report of an application for a large housing development on Marshal Lodge, the old pig farm of Orsett Road. <i>No planning application yet submitted.</i></p>	
<p>10. Village Enhancement</p> <p>a) Fly Tipping. Continues. <i>Please report all instances to the Council and if they don't take prompt action, contact Kim.</i></p> <p>b) Old fashioned Finger Post at corner of Orsett Rd/Blackbush lane:- poor condition. Several people felt this old sign that indicates Tilbury Ferry is of great historic interest reflecting the former importance of Orsett Road and that Tilbury Ferry once carried motor vehicles. <i>KT to speak to Kier who have offered to help with small Village projects. PeterW reminded Kim that he has the original East facing "finger" that vandals sawed off many years ago. It is far superior, more historic and a better match than the replacement fitted by the Council and it would be better if this could be refitted during the restoration.</i></p>	<p>KT</p>

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<p>11. Any Other Business</p> <p>a)Public Footpaths. Deadline of 1st January 2026 for requesting "forgotten" footpaths to be added on to the Definitive Footpath Map anything not on the Definitive Map by that deadline will be lost. Paul Wakeling has found 40 such cases in the Horndon/Orsett area alone. He is currently working on the paperwork so nothing to show anybody yet. <i>Nationally there is pressure to extend this deadline beyond 2026 as it is taking some 20 years to actually get 'lost' footpaths reinstated.</i></p> <p>b) The Combined Xmas Social of Woolmarket Music, The Gardeners Club and the Society/Forum will be in the Woolmarket 8pm on the 11th December.</p> <p>c) KT reminded the meeting that the School Xmas Bazaar is on 1:30 to 3:30 Friday 6th December</p> <p>d) MT said it is necessary to fix and publicise the AGM of the Society/Forum. It was decided to hold it on the normal Wednesday meeting date in February which is 8pm 5 Feb 2020 in the Woolmarket. To conform with the Constitution an announcement should be posted in the notice board at least 21 days before that date. It should also be posted on our facebook page.</p>	<p>PaulW</p>
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Meeting closed at 10.01pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING: Wed 8th Jan 2020 at 8pm – The Woolmarket
ADVANCE NOTICE AGM: Wed 5th Feb 2020 at 8pm – The Woolmarket

If unable to attend, please inform Kim Towlson on Mob 07724 848069 or Email: cst1952@hotmail.co.uk